

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A font processor, comprising:

a data acquiring device that acquires font data of bitmap fonts; and

a ~~subcharacter-subpixel~~-font generating device that separately analyzes character pixel configuration of the font data using pattern matching to generate ~~subcharacter~~ subpixel fonts, the subpixel fonts being data in units of ~~subcharacter-subpixels~~, the ~~subcharacter-subpixel~~-font generating device:

when a character pixel constituting the font data is located at a first position that, with respect to a first direction in which character ~~subpixels~~ are to be aligned, is adjacent to a target character pixel, disposes subpixels at the position of the target character pixel without shifting the target character pixel;

when no character pixel constituting the font data is located at the first position and also a character pixel constituting the font data is located at a second position that, with respect to a second direction orthogonal to the first direction, is adjacent to the target character pixel, disposes ~~subcharacter-subpixels~~ at the position of the target character pixel without shifting the target character pixel; and

when no character pixel constituting the font data is located at either the first or second position and also a character pixel is located at a third position that is adjacent and diagonal to the target character pixel, shifts the target character pixel by at least one ~~subcharacter-subpixel~~ distance and then disposes subpixels at the position of the target character pixel, wherein:

when the third position where the character pixel is located is to one side of the target character pixel, the target character pixel is shifted in one direction, and

when the third position where the character pixel is located is to another side of the target character pixel that is opposite to the one side, the target character pixel is shifted in a direction opposite to the one direction.